REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT:

Allegations of Intimidation of Donald Dickinson by Mayor Robert O'Dekirk

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I. Initiation.

The Office of the Inspector General was asked to investigate an allegation of intimidation by Mayor Robert O'Dekirk against former Councilman Donald Dickinson.

II. Executive Summary.

This investigation finds on November 1, 2020, then Chief of the Joliet Police Department, Alan Roechner, then Deputy Chief Marc Reid, Councilman Patrick Mudron, then then Councilman Donald Dickinson, former Councilman James McFarland, and then Managing Editor of The Herald-News, Joseph Hosey, met at Roechner's house and conspired to charge the Mayor of Joliet, Robert O'Dekirk, with a criminal charge they knew or should have known was false. It is clear, the goal of this cabal was to damage the reputation of their political rival, Mayor O'Dekirk.

To perpetuate this fraud, Roechner, Mudron, and McFarland pressured Dickinson into filing an incident report against Mayor O'Dekirk containing information Dickinson, Roechner and Reid knew was false. Reid filled out the handwritten offense report himself, using an obsolete Joliet Police Department (JPD) form, alleging the offense of "intimidation" against the Mayor of Joliet. After completing this report, Reid gave a copy to Dickinson, who gave a copy to Hosey.

Together, Roechner and Reid had over 50 years of police experience. They were familiar with how the criminal justice system worked in Joliet and Will County; they most certainly knew a felony charge against a sitting mayor would warrant a special investigation. Roechner and Reid most certainly knew this phony charge of intimidation would receive media attention, especially since the Managing Editor of Joliet's major news source was present at the November 1, 2020, meeting in which this conspiracy was hatched. Less than 24-hours after the meeting, The Herald-News published a front-page news article, written by Hosey, detailing allegations contained in the offense report.²

It is important to note, the members of this cabal were in communication with each other days before their clandestine meeting at Roechner's home. This is further evidence this group conspired before the offense report was written by Reid and before Hosey published his article.

As stated above, Reid gave Dickinson a copy of the offense report, however, Reid did not file a copy with JPD or enter this alleged offense into any JPD database. The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) requested a copy of this offense report from JPD, however, JPD was unable to provide a copy because no copy exists in their paper

¹ In Illinois, intimidation is a class 3 felony. An individual convicted of intimidation can received a sentence of 2-10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. See 720 ILCS 5/12-6.

² Joseph Hosey, "Duck Dickinson accuses Joliet Mayor O'Dekirk of naked pic 'intimidation': Cops," *The Herald-News* (Joliet, Will County Illinois, November 2, 2020), https://www.shawlocal.com/2020/11/02/duck-dickinson-accuses-joliet-mayor-odekirk-of-naked-pic-intimidation-cops/as68wwn/ (accessed February 24, 2023).

or electronic file system. The OIG was eventually able to obtain a redacted copy from the Illinois State Police (ISP) and an unredacted copy from the former Joliet Inspector General.³

The offense report used by Reid was obsolete and not currently in use by the department. JPD uses the P1 reporting system and it is highly unlikely for a report to be prepared by handwriting. The offense report states Dickinson admitted to sending photographs of a "sensitive nature" to a woman he was dating. Allegedly, one of these photographs was a picture of Dickinson's genitals. The report alleges during an executive session, Mayor O'Dekirk turned to Dickinson and said, "and you Dickison [sic] the truth is going to come out about you." The report prepared by Reid does not state the date on which this executive session occurred. Further, the report states, "Dickison [sic] was later advised that s/O'Dekirk claimed to have nude photos of v/Dickison [sic]." Additionally, the report alleges former councilman James McFarland told Dickinson "that O'Dekirk was telling a person that s/O'Dekirk had the alleged photo of v/Dickison [sic]." This triple hearsay statement does not identify "a person." Further, the report states, "during a separate phone conversation with s/O'Dekirk with in [sic] the last two to three months, v/Dickinson advised s/O'Dekirk that v/Dickison [sic] was not running for reelection. s/O'Dekirk stated 'oh, ok I'll back off you then."

It is hard to believe, a Deputy Chief of Police, of Illinois' third largest city, with 23-years of experience as a police officer, would prepare a handwritten report, on an obsolete form, misspelling the alleged victim's name throughout the report (Reid knew Dickinson personally), and that this report would rely on double and triple hearsay from a source simply identified as "a person," and allege facts that do not come close to meeting the elements of the offense of intimidation. Further, Reid's handwritten report does not include the date of the alleged executive session during which Dickinson claimed Mayor O'Dekirk allegedly made an intimidating statement. Further still, he includes allegations of a phone call that occurred within the "last two to three months." A police officer fresh out of the academy would know better than to prepare and sign such a poorly written report.

After preparing his handwritten offense report and checking the block for "refer to other agency" in section 10 of the report, and providing a copy to Dickinson, Reid sent it to ISP for investigation. Despite checking the "refer to other agency" block, Reid gave Dickinson's cell phone to Joliet Detective German, informed him Dickinson gave Reid permission to conduct a forensic extraction of his phone and requested Detective German to extract the information from Dickinson's cell phone. Detective German "performed a Full File System extraction of the device. Also extracted was the Keychain, Password List, and the Passcode History File. These extracted files along with the Graykey Progress Report were saved onto a USB devise." Reid reviewed the phone data, selected what information he wanted ISP to view and then had it saved onto a second USB drive. In his report, Detective German stated, "[n]o files were saved to the Cellebrite server (V drive). The Graykey files saved to the Graykey unit hard drive was deleted from the unit after being saved to the USB device." The ISP Investigator

³ See Exhibit A (Redacted Copy of the Offense Report).

discovered that Reid created two separate files and only turned over one. This investigator voiced his concerns over Reid's handling of evidence.⁴

In the end, Mayor O'Dekirk was never charged with any crime, however, Dickinson was charged with Attempt Obstruction of Justice⁵, which was later amended to Attempt Disorderly Conduct. The amended charge against Dickinson was dismissed. Surprisingly, Roechner and Reid were never charged with any offense or disciplined in any way. Dickinson took the fall and the rest of the Cabal went on with their lives.

Roechner retired and is receiving a \$160,000.00 per year pension from Joliet; Reid retired from JPD and receives a \$148,000.00 per year pension from Joliet while still serving as a Sergeant with the Elwood Police Department. A felony conviction for official misconduct while acting in an official capacity, as a sworn officer, could potentially jeopardize an officer's pension.⁶

Councilman Mudron still serves as a Joliet Councilman and Joseph Hosey moved onto a more prestigious position as Executive Editor at the Times of Northwest Indiana, Indiana's second largest newspaper. Dickinson's participation in this cabal was wrong, but in many ways, he was a victim of people he knew, trusted and admired. After the rest of the cabal got what they wanted, they let Dickinson take the fall and suffer; he paid a heavy price.

III. Conduct of the Investigation.

A. Interviews:

1. <u>Lieutenant Samuel Thomas:</u> On February 13, 2023, Martin Walsh interviewed retired Illinois State Police Lieutenant Samuel Thomas by telephone. Lieutenant Thomas led the Illinois State Police's Donald Dickinson investigation. In Lieutenant Thomas' professional opinion, this case was a conspiracy orchestrated by top-level officials of the Joliet Police Department, and elected officials, to damage the Joliet Mayor's reputation. It was also designed to preserve former Joliet Police Chief Roechner's job as Chief of Police and Marc Reid's position as Deputy Chief. Lieutenant Thomas stated Roechner and Reid also tampered with evidence and used police resources improperly. Further, they lied to ISP investigators throughout the investigation.

According to Reid's report, Dickinson had photographs of his genitals on his phone, however, it does not appear any such photographs were discovered during ISP's investigation. The conspiracy (and this is how Lieutenant Thomas described it) was hatched at Roechner's home on a Sunday night. In attendance were former Joliet

⁴ See Exhibit A, Detective German's report was attached and incorporated into the November 2, 2020, incident report.

⁵ See Exhibit B (Criminal Complaint and Summons)

⁶ In Illinois, official misconduct by a police officer is a class 3 felony, see 720 ILCS 5/33-3; a police officer's pension can be forfeited if convicted of official misconduct, see 40 ILCS 5/2-156.

Councilman James McFarland, Councilman Donald Dickinson, Councilman Patrick Mudron, Deputy Chief Marc Reid, Chief Alan Roechner, and Joseph Hosey, the Managing Editor of The Herald-News.

Lieutenant Thomas believes the original handwritten report, which he found to be very unusual, was written that evening at Roechner's residence. Reid took the report. Lieutenant Thomas said McFarland, Roechner and Reid were aware Dickinson was considering retiring as a Councilman. They were also aware Dickinson could be easily manipulated to suit the group's goal. Dickinson was coerced and pressured by the group before, during, and after the secret meeting.

Lieutenant Thomas is upset Roechner and Reid were never charged in this case. He said there was ample "hard evidence" to support criminal charges against both Roechner and Reid, including text, email and telephone messages. In Lieutenant Thomas' opinion, Dickinson was the "fall guy," and the last person who should have been charged.

At the time of this investigation, Lieutenant Thomas was the Commander of the Illinois State Police Statewide Special Investigations Division. Lieutenant Thomas said he does not understand why the Special Prosecutor did not prosecute Roechner and Reid based on the evidence presented. Lieutenant Thomas theorized the Special Prosecutor did not want to get involved with a lengthy prosecution, but knew some action had to be taken. "Duck was the sacrificial lamb from the beginning to the end," Thomas explained. The Special Prosecutor is appointed and paid pursuant to a "professional services" agreement. The Special Prosecutor appointed to this matter is retired from the Illinois Attorney General's Office and a law professor at Loyola Law School.

Mr. Walsh informed Lieutenant Thomas the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor was not complying with the OIG's subpoena. He believes the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Office is avoiding the subpoena because "any citizen off the street would be able to see what went on...there was an abundance of evidence to support the investigative findings." Lieutenant Thomas went on to state, "These guys (Roechner & Reid) were counting on us (ISP) to do a half-assed job. They came up with a story and didn't think we'd take it seriously. But this involved two of the highest-ranking individuals in the Joliet Police Department and elected officials from one of the biggest cities in Illinois. Honestly, had it been a lower-level city employee or a clerk, it probably would not have gotten as much attention, but Roechner and Reid were high ranking police officers. Once we started looking at the evidence it was pretty clear what happened. We did a complete and thorough investigation. We had two investigators and sometime four investigators on this case. We spent the time and did the job right. These two guys should have been charged in my opinion." The fact they weren't had pissed me off. It's really kind of an embarrassment."

Lieutenant Thomas is an experienced law enforcement officer. He headed the ISP's public integrity unit and investigated hundreds of official misconduct cases. He is a

decorated law enforcement officer with 30-years of service. Before serving in Special Investigations, he was a homicide and violent crimes investigator. Lieutenant Thomas said his unit initially did not have a lot of interest in this case. On the surface it looked silly; salacious, but low-level. However, just days into their investigation, it became clear to Lieutenant Thomas, and his team, the case was worth a hard look.

According to Lieutenant Thomas:

- a. Dickinson's phone was partially wiped by somebody at JPD before it was turned over to ISP. JPD provided a thumb drive containing some contents of the phone. Reid did not provide Dickinson's cell phone to ISP; this raised red flags with ISP investigators. Lieutenant Thomas said he had an ISP phone tech conduct a three-tiered forensic examination of the USB device provided by Reid. The ISP forensic examination revealed data had recently been erased from the USB device; this shocked the ISP Investigator. Reid did not have the investigative authority to conduct a forensic examination of Dickinson's cell phone. Reid should have placed Dickinson's cell phone in an evidence bag, sealed it and turned it over to ISP. In essence, Reid admitted to tampering with evidence. One of Lieutenant Thomas' investigators asked about the cell phone's lack of continuity and apparent gaps. Lieutenant Thomas recalled a JPD detective may have told him he was ordered to wipe the cell phone to an extent.
- b. Roechner's wife phoned/texted Dickinson when he started feeling the heat, imploring him to stick to the story.
- Dickinson was depressed and talking about killing himself. On November 16, 2020, less than two-weeks after Hosey's article was published, Dickinson left his house early for work. His live-in girlfriend was concerned about Dickinson's state of mind. During an interview with ISP, the girlfriend said she found a suicide note in her car. She called Reid and told him Dickinson was suicidal. Reid and other JPD officers conducted an "off the books" search for Dickinson, Eventually, Reid found Dickinson sitting in his vehicle. Dickinson allegedly ingested pills. ISP investigators figured Reid contacted Dickinson's cell phone provider and requested a cell tower usage search. The cell company likely "pinged" Duck's phone using cell tower data and soon located him. Reid failed to inform ISP investigators of Dickinson's suicide attempt. ISP investigators only found out about this event after interviewing Dickinson's girlfriend days later. Additionally, Reid withheld Dickinson's suicide note from ISP investigators. ISP asked Reid to supply any CAD data, body-worn camera video and radio traffic used during the search for Dickinson; Reid informed ISP none was available. ISP investigators asked Reid for the suicide note and he eventually turned it over; ISP logged it into evidence. Because of the delay in Reid turning over the note, there is no way to know when the note was written. It is possible the note was rewritten by Dickinson after the fact. According to the ISP report, Mike Turk was physically present at Dickinson's home when Reid took him back to his house.
- d. McFarland was the "good" guy promoter of this tale. He led the whispering campaign that was at the root of this bogus story. McFarland was a one-

term Joliet Councilman who resigned after it was discovered he resided in Frankfort, Illinois. McFarland was a controversial figure in Joliet. He was investigated for several questionable acts. McFarland owns a print and marketing company in Frankfort; he also claims to be a social worker, however, there is no record of McFarland holding a social worker license in Illinois.

- e. Dickinson gave a lengthy, audio, and possibly video recorded statement to ISP. Additionally, Dickinson was reinterviewed by ISP several times. During his interview with ISP, Dickinson laid out in detail what role Roechner and Reid played in this ruse. Dickinson is alleged to have said the initial police report was written by Reid while Reid was at the November 1, 2020, meeting at Roechner's house.
- f. The handwritten report taken by Reid is a "forgery" and was a parcel in the evidence package presented to the special prosecutor. Lieutenant Thomas stated, "The report was fabricated. None of it was true."
- g. Lieutenant Thomas said his unit was seeking to charge Roechner and Reid with official misconduct, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to file a false police report. He said additional charges may have been warranted/possible had the prosecutor not "stonewalled" the investigators.
- h. Reid's role was so apparent and so egregious; Lieutenant Thomas' group considered reporting Reid to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board with the goal of getting Reid's state certified standing as a police officer revoked. He did not follow through. The idea fell by the wayside after Lieutenant Thomas learned Reid was not going to be charged criminally. He regrets not taking this action. Lieutenant Thomas heard rumblings that Reid was going to retire from JPD and move on to another police department. As of the date of this report, Reid is a Sergeant with the Elwood Police Department.
- i. Lieutenant Thomas said Roechner contacted the Illinois State Police District Three Commander, Rich Wilks, about taking the Dickinson case the following Wednesday after the group met at Roechner's house to discuss/hatch their "conspiracy." Lieutenant Thomas did not have an exact date, but said it was a day or two after Hosey's November 2, 2020, story in The Herald-News.
- j. At some point, Reid took possession of Dickinson's phone and took it to JPD where he had a detective use JPD's forensic phone device to "dump" all the data from Dickinson's phone and store it on a thumb drive. Reid examined the contents of the thumb drive and went back to the detective and asked/ordered him to remove some of the data from the thumb drive. This thumb drive was then turned over to Lieutenant Thomas' investigators who had their phone experts perform an analysis of the drive. "Our guys said there was stuff missing...parts of the drive contents had been erased." ISP went back to Reid and confronted him. They also spoke to the detective who performed the dump at Reid's behest. The detective told ISP that Reid pointed out what data/content was to be removed from the drive before it was turned

over to ISP. "Our guys went back and asked Reid what the fuck he was doing...that this type of bullshit wasn't going to fly." ISP never had physical possession of Duck's phone. Thomas said the phone records were a major piece of evidence, and Reid clearly tampered with the processing of this evidence. "Reid manipulated the information from the phone dump."

- k. Reid also withheld information about Dickinson's suicide attempt. Lieutenant Thomas said his agents went to Reid after they learned Dickinson attempted suicide. By this time, Dickinson had given ISP a statement and was fully cooperative. ISP did their own investigation into Dickinson's suicide attempt and found out from Dickinson's girlfriend that Dickinson left a suicide note in his pickup truck that she found. She called Reid. Dickinson was in a park and he may have ingested pills in an effort to overdose and die. Reid found Dickinson. Afterwards, Reid denied having custody of Dickinson's suicide note. The note allegedly was incriminating and telling. Reid eventually turned over Dickinson's note which was taken by ISP and entered into evidence.
- I. After this occurred, ISP investigators' heads were spinning. They could not believe how this seemingly routine investigation is taking so many weird turns. "We were never out to make a mountain out of a molehill," Lieutenant Thomas said, "I never expected to get blindsided by another cop...especially a chief of police of a major metropolitan department."
- 2. <u>Donald "Duck" Dickinson:</u> on February 15, 2023, Martin Walsh interviewed Donald Dickinson, at Dickinson's home in Joliet. Dickinson admitted to attending a meeting held at Roechner's house. Dickinson stated present at this meeting was Roechner, Reid, McFarland, Mudron and Hosey. Mr. Walsh asked Dickinson if the purpose of the meeting was to develop a plan or strategy to damage and smear Mayor O'Dekirk; Dickinson replied "yes." Dickinson confirmed Reid wrote the handwritten police report during this meeting.
- Mr. Walsh asked Dickinson if he thought it unusual for a group of high-ranking police executives to gather with elected officials and the managing editor of the local daily newspaper, at the Chief of Police's residence, on a Sunday evening to conspire and develop a plan of action to unseat the sitting Mayor of Joliet; Dickinson responded "yes." Dickinson further confirmed he sat for multiple interviews with the ISP Special Investigation Unit and that the events leading to him facing criminal charges, "destroyed my life." Dickinson said he took the fall. He agreed this was a conspiracy.
- 3. <u>Mayor Robert O'Dekirk</u>: on February 22, 2023, Sean Connolly interviewed Mayor O'Dekirk in his office at the Joliet Municipal Building. During this interview, Mayor O'Dekirk stated he never had pictures of Donald Dickinson's genitals or pictures of Donald Dickinson naked. Mayor O'Dekirk stated he never told anyone he had such pictures of Dickinson. Further, Mayor O'Dekirk stated he never tried to intimidate Dickinson to vote and certain way and never tried to blackmail Dickinson. Sean Connolly asked Mayor O'Dekirk whether, by chain of command, the Chief of

Police reports to the Mayor. Mayor O'Dekirk stated the Chief of Police reports to the City Manager and the City Manager reports to the Mayor/City Council. Additionally, Mayor O'Dekirk stated if the Mayor of Joliet needed to be investigated, the investigation should be conducted by ISP, not JPD.

- 4. <u>Joseph Hosey</u>: on February 16, 2023, Martin Walsh called and spoke with Joseph Hosey. Mr. Walsh asked Hosey if he attended the November 1, 2020, meeting at Roechner's house. Hosey refused to confirm he was at the meeting and stated, "I can't talk about that." Mr. Walsh advised him two participants of the meeting, Dickinson and Mudron, both stated to ISP that Hosey was present at the meeting, Hosey replied, "I'm not talking about it." Mr. Walsh then asked Hosey if his response was "no comment" to which Hosey responded, "I can't talk about it." The call to Hosey was placed to The Times of Northwest Indiana newsroom. It lasted less than five minutes.
- 5. <u>James McFarland</u>: Martin Walsh made several attempts to reach James McFarland to interview him regarding this investigation. McFarland has not returned Mr. Walsh's numerous telephone calls.
- 6. <u>Patrick Mudron</u>: on February 22, 2023, Sean Connolly emailed Councilman Mudron requesting an interview: Councilman Mudron never responded to Mr. Connolly's email.
- 7. Alan Roechner: Martin Walsh made several attempts to reach Alan Roechner to interview him regarding this investigation. Roechner has not returned Mr. Walsh's numerous telephone calls.
- 8. <u>Marc Reid</u>: Martin Walsh made several attempts to reach Marc Reid to interview him regarding this investigation. Mr. Walsh spoke to the Elwood Police Chief and asked if he would relay a message to Reid to call Mr. Walsh; he agreed. Reid has not returned Mr. Walsh's numerous telephone calls.

B. Document Review:

- 1. Summons to Donald W. Dickinson
- 2. Criminal Complaint Against Donald W. Dickinson
- 3. Joliet Police Department Offense Report prepared by Deputy Chief Marc Reid
- 4. Report prepared by JPD Detective German regarding phone data recovered from Dickinson's phone
- 5. ISP Evidence Inventory and Receipt

- 6. ISP Investigative Report
- 7. ISP File Initiation Report
- 8. Office of the Illinois Attorney General High Tech Crimes Bureau (HTCD) Digital Forensics Report
- Various news articles
- 10. Illinois Compiled Statutes

IV. Analysis

The fact the Chief of Joliet Police Department, Deputy Chief, two City of Joliet Councilmen, one former City of Joliet Councilman and the Managing Editor of The Herald-News met in secret at the Chief of Police's residence on Sunday, November 1, 2020, is concerning. The fact that at this meeting, a Deputy Chief of Police, prepared a handwritten offense report, on an obsolete JPD form, containing allegations and accusations, he knew or should have known were false, against the duly and lawfully elected Mayor of the third largest city in the State of Illinois, is an atrocity and for the police officers involved, it was, at a minimum, official misconduct, evidence tampering, a breach their oaths as law enforcement officers, and a threat to democracy. As for the other members present at the Chief's residence, they participated in a cabal which conspired to damage the reputation of the Mayor of Joliet by alleging acts they knew or should have known were false.

When the Office of the Inspector General was asked to investigate allegations made by Dickinson against Mayor O'Dekirk, it first appeared, on the surface, to be a political stunt that backfired. The main concern to the OIG was whether Dickinson was blackmailed and if he voted on issues based on this alleged blackmail as opposed to voting in the best interests of the citizens he represented. As this investigation progressed, it became clear the subject of the investigation was not blackmail but police misconduct by then Chief of Police Alan Roechner and then Deputy Chief Reid; false allegations by then Councilman Dickinson; false allegations by former Councilman McFarland; breach of journalistic ethics by then Managing Editor of The Herald-News Joseph Hosey; and, failure by Councilman Mudron to stop and/or report actions, by Joliet government officials, he knew or should have known were false.

Participants of the Meeting

It is clear, these six men, gathered at Roechner's residence, Sunday, November 1, 2020, and pressured Councilman Dickinson into filing a police report against Mayor O'Dekirk, containing information they knew or should have known was false. It is also clear, the purpose of this conspiracy was to damage Mayor O'Dekirk's political reputation for their own personal and/or political gain. To begin to understand why these

six individuals formed this cabal on November 1, 2020, it is important to provide background information on each person.

Alan Roechner

Alan Roechner was a Joliet Police Officer for nearly 30 years and served as a Deputy Chief and then Interim Chief. In December 2018, Roechner was appointed as the Chief of Police. Roechner and Mayor O'Dekirk did not get along, this was common knowledge.⁷

Roechner's dislike of Mayor O'Dekirk and Mayor O'Dekirk's desire to replace Roechner as Chief, explains why Roechner would host a meeting at his residence to discuss and put into motion allegations against Mayor O'Dekirk of intimidation. It is the opinion of Lieutenant Thomas that Roechner's motivation for encouraging Dickinson to file this false report was an attempt to keep his position as Chief. The timing and location of the meeting, along with inviting the media, supports Lieutenant Thomas' opinion.

Marc Reid

Marc Reid was a Deputy Chief of the Joliet Police Department and served under Roechner. He is currently a Sergeant with the Elwood Police Department. It is the opinion of Lieutenant Thomas that Reid's motivation to attend and participate in the November 1, 2020, meeting was to keep his position as Deputy Chief. His role in preparing the false police report and tampering with evidence supports Lieutenant Thomas' opinion.

Donald Dickinson

Donald Dickinson is a former City of Joliet Councilman and a retired Joliet Park District employee. He was elected to this position in 2020, and was a member of the Mudron 5, which was a group of five councilman who routinely voted against Mayor O'Dekirk. As a member of the Mudron 5, he was at odds with the Mayor O'Dekirk and at times the two clashed, as opposing politicians tend to do.

Patrick Mudron

Patrick Mudron is currently a City of Joliet Councilman and a principal of Mudron Kane Insurance. Mudron is a member and the namesake of the Mudron 5. Mudron and Mayor O'Dekirk are political rivals.

⁷ There were several sources that mentioned this feud/dislike between Roechner and Mayor O'Dekirk. Dickinson, Mudron and Mayor O'Dekirk, each mentioned that a poor relationship that existed between the Mayor and Roechner. Dickinson referred to it as a feud and Councilman Mudron told the ISP investigator that Mayor O'Dekirk wanted to replace Roechner as Chief. In his interview with ISP, Mayor O'Dekirk stated his relationship with Roechner began to decline resulting from Marty Shanahan being fired as City Manager.

James McFarland

James McFarland is a former City of Joliet Councilman, who owns a printing business and currently works as a "social worker." According to Dickinson, McFarland was present at the November 1, 2020, meeting at Roechner's residence and the person who told Dickinson that Mayor O'Dekirk was telling people he had photographs of Dickinson's genitals. In his interview with ISP, Dickinson said McFarland told him he heard from at a party hosted at his house, that a female sent the picture of Dickinson's genital area to Joseph Clement who then forwarded it to Mayor O'Dekirk. Based on the evidence reviewed during this investigation, McFarland's story is a complete fabrication. ISP interviewed McFarland said told him about denied having a party in which McFarland attended, denied having any photographs of Dickinson and denied having any knowledge of photographs of Dickinson. Further, said he had not even seen McFarland since March 2020. This report will not identify by name because his only involvement is the unfortunate inclusion in the lie told by McFarland. During his interview with ISP, Mudron, when discussing McFarland, said, "you cannot go to court on McFarland's word." McFarland resigned as a Councilman September 2016; at the time of his resignation there were allegations he engaged in unethical behavior. Additionally, it is important to note. McFarland and Mayor O'Dekirk are at odds; according to Mudron. McFarland and Mayor O'Dekirk had a falling-out several years ago.

Joseph Hosey

Joseph Hosey is the former Managing Editor of the Herald-News in Joliet and current Executive Editor at The Times of Northwest Indiana. Hosey left his position at the Herald-News on May 6, 2022. His articles about Mayor O'Dekirk were often negative, including his final opinion article dated May 7, 20228, the day after he left the Herald-News, in which he took several parting shots at Mayor O'Dekirk. It is clear from his final article, he does not care for Mayor O'Dekirk. It is also clear Hosey attended the November 1, 2020, meeting at Roechner's house.

The Offense Report

Reviewing the interviews ISP investigators conducted during their investigation it seems clear Dickinson was coerced into filing the offense report against Mayor O'Dekirk. During his interview with Mudron, the ISP investigator stated, "Mudron explained that Dickinson was worried about getting in trouble for filing the police report. Mudron continued to explain that Dickenson [sic] continued to make a comment that he was not going to jail for this." In his interview with ISP, Roechner stated Dickinson was

⁸ Joseph Hosey, "Hosey: Not the real reasons why I'm no longer here," *The Herald-News* (Joliet, Will County Illinois, May 7, 2022), https://www.shawlocal.com/the-herald-news/opinion/column/2022/05/07/hosey-not-the-real-reasons-why-im-no-longer-here/ (accessed February 24, 2023)

⁹ See Exhibit C, ISP interview of Patrick Mudron.

someone who is easily bullied or pressured.¹⁰ In his interview with ISP, the investigator stated Dickinson said he decided to file the police report after talking to Roechner and that "they convinced him to file a police report because everyone knew there was a picture of Dickinson out there."¹¹

Why would Dickinson be worried about getting in trouble or going to jail if he was telling the truth? Roechner described Dickinson as easily bullied or pressured and it is likely the cabal pressured Dickinson into filing the incident report against Mayor O'Dekirk to serve their own agenda against Mayor O'Dekirk. Dickinson was taken advantage of and used by the rest of the group; in the end Dickinson was the only member of the cabal to be held responsible for filing the phony report.

On its face, the offense report prepared by Reid is very suspicious. It was written on a report format that is currently obsolete, and according to JPD, it was obsolete at the time Reid prepared the report on November 1, 2020. JPD stated it uses the P1 reporting system and has done so for several years and the P1 reporting system was in service at the time Reid was Deputy Chief of Investigations. The current Joliet Chief of Police, William Evans, in his response to questions from the OIG, stated, "[i]t would be highly unlikely that someone from this department would take a handwritten report on a document that is no longer is service." Chief Evans went on to say, "it would be highly unusual for a deputy chief to author a written incident report, and even more unusual for that report to be taken at the private residence of his superior. Offense incident reports are generated by patrol officers and investigators, occasionally a sergeant." Finally, Chief Evans stated, "we are unable to locate any offense incident reports written by former Deputy Chief Marc Reid," meaning, this is apparently the only incident report former Deputy Chief Marc Reid ever prepared, and it is not even a part of JPD's records.

Further, the incident report narrative does not include allegations supporting the offense of intimidation. ¹² Included in the narrative is an alleged statement by Mayor O'Dekirk to Dickinson, "and you Dickison [sic], the truth is going to come out about you." Even if Mayor O'Dekirk made this statement to Dickinson, it is not an inherently negative statement. Additionally, the narrative fails to add any meaningful context indicating the statement was meant to intimidate Dickinson. The context provided is triple hearsay, particularly the part stating McFarland told Dickinson "that O'Dekirk was telling a person that s/O'Dekirk had the alleged photo of v/Dickison [sic]." The narrative continues on and alleges another conversation between Dickinson and Mayor O'Dekirk during which Dickinson called Mayor O'Dekirk and informed him of his decision not to seek reelection to Councilman, to which Mayor O'Dekirk responded, "oh, ok, I'll back off you then." Mayor O'Dekirk admitted saying this to Dickinson. How can it be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate when Mayor O'Dekirk made the statement after Dickinson told him he was not seeking reelection? Dickinson chose to enter politics and supported positions putting him at odds with Mayor O'Dekirk. Rivalries in politics are common and

¹⁰ See Exhibit D, ISP interview of Alan Roechner.

¹¹ See Exhibit E, ISP interview of Donald Dickinson.

¹² See Exhibit A, Offense Report Prepared by Marc Reid

to be expected. Mayor O'Dekirk's statement, on its face, and within the context of the narrative, is no more than an acknowledgement that Dickinson is no longer a political rival based on his decision to not seek reelection.

Additionally, the narrative states, "Dickison [sic] was advised by an individual who informed Dickison [sic] that O'Dekirk told the individual that O'Dekirk would use the photos against Dickison [sic] if Dickison [sic] ran for re-election." This double hearsay statement does not even identify who Mayor O'Dekirk allegedly told he would use the photographs against Dickinson. Under normal circumstances, Dickinson's allegations of intimidation should have been noted and dismissed for lack of evidence. There was, and remains, no evidence a crime was committed by Mayor O'Dekirk.

Also, even though Reid knew Dickinson well, he misspelled his name throughout the offense report. It is unclear whether this was purposeful on Reid's part, or sloppy report writing. Reid also checked off the "refer to other agency" block in section 10, indicating the matter was being referred to ISP for investigation. Assumably, Reid checked off this block because he felt it was not appropriate for JPD to investigate an offense allegedly committed by the Mayor of Joliet because the Mayor is in the police department's leadership chain. Specifically, the Chief of Police is supervised by the City Manager and the City Manager is supervised by the Mayor/City Council. If the Joliet Mayor committed an offense, referring it to ISP would be correct, however, after checking off this block, and completing the rest of the report, Roechner and Reid continued to investigate the matter, and while doing so, they tampered with evidence.

Reid claims he prepared the report on November 2, 2020, however, Dickinson stated Reid was present at the November 1, 2020, meeting and prepared the report at this meeting. While there are different accounts of when Reid prepared the report, it seems clear that on November 2, 2020, Dickinson turned over his cell phone to Reid and agreed to have forensic evidence extracted. Oddly, the cell phone Dickinson turned over to Reid was not the cell phone Dickinson used to send pictures of his genitals to a female. It is unclear why Reid would want to conduct a forensic search of Dickinson's cell phone, especially since it was not the one Dickinson used to send pictures of his genitals, and because a forensic search of Dickinson's cell phone does not appear to be consistent with the allegations contained in the offense report. Regardless, after taking possession of Dickinson's cell phone, Reid should have turned it over to ISP; he did not. Instead, Reid asked Detective German to perform a forensic extraction of Dickinson's cell phone. 13

To comply with Reid's request, Detective German used Graykey OS Version1.6.7.12 and App Bundle 1.15.4b0 and "performed a Full File System extraction of the device. Also extracted was the Keychain, Password List, and the Passcode History file." Detective German saved this extracted data onto a USB device. Next, "[t]he Full File System file and the Keychain file were decoded in Magnet Axiom Process/Examine v4.6.0.21968. The Axiom case files were saved to a second USB device. The two USB drives containing the Graykey files and the Axiom files were

¹³ See Exhibit A, Detective German's report attached to the incident report.

turned over to Deputy Chief Reid on 11/04/2020." In his report, Detective German stated Reid "reviewed the phone data in Magnet Axiom Examine on Cellebrite computer #01." After Reid reviewed the phone data, "[a] PDF portable report of only the data selected by Deputy Chief Reid from the device was created by Axiom on 11/10/2020. The Axiom PDF report was saved onto the second USB device that contained the Axiom case files. No files were saved to the Cellebrite server (V drive). The Graykey files saved to the Graykey unit hard drive was deleted from the unit after being saved to the USB device." Detective German goes on to say, "[o]n 11/10/2020, two additional USB drives were created of the original Graykey and Axiom files and PDF report. These two USB drives were turned over to Deputy Chief Reid on 11/10/2020." Finally, Detective German states, "I was advised by Deputy Chief Reid that this case and the records will be turned over to the Illinois State Police Agents for further investigation."

Reid states he received Dickinson's cell phone on November 2, 2022; it should have been placed into an evidence bag on November 2, 2020, sealed and turned over to ISP. Instead, he had Detective German extract data from Dickinson's phone, then Reid selected what information he wanted to submit to ISP. Reid never turned over Dickinson's cell phone to ISP. This is evidence tampering and official misconduct.

Also concerning, is Roechner and Reid never entered the report into the JPD's computer file system. During his interview with ISP, Roechner told the investigator "he told JPD Deputy Chief Marc Reid they would take a complaint but would not put the complaint in the computer system. This decision was due to the cases being turned over to the Illinois State Police. Roechner advised that it was a good thing JPD did not keep any of the paperwork completed by Reid because O'Dekirk and the city manager were pressuring him to turn over copies of the complaints to him." Roechner and Reid's failure to maintain a copy of the offense report at JPD is a violation of Section 4(a) of the Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205, which states:

"Sec. 4. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of his Section, all public records made or received by, or under the authority of, or coming into the custody, control or possession of any officer or agency shall not be mutilated, destroyed, transferred, removed or otherwise damaged or disposed of in whole or in part, except as provided by law. Any person who knowingly, without lawful authority and with the intent to defraud any party, public officer, or entity, alters, destroys, defaces, removes, or conceals any public record commits a Class 4 felony." ¹⁵

Roechner and Reid made a public record when Reid prepared the offense report. Once they made this report, they were required, by the Local Records Act, to maintain a copy of the report at JPD. Further, they created a public record when they extracted information from Dickinson's cell phone. Not only did Reid tamper with this record, and evidence, he also deleted information extracted from the cell phone. Roechner and Reid both violated the Local Records Act.

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¹⁴ See Exhibit D. ISP interview of Alan Roechner.

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As law enforcement officers, especially law enforcement officers in senior leadership positions, Roechner and Reid took a Law Enforcement Oath of Honor, which reads:

On my honor, I will never betray by badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the Constitution, the Ordinances of the City of Joliet, and the rules and regulations of the Joliet Police Department.

Roechner and Reid did not stay true to their Oath of Honor.

The Aftermath of the Meeting and Incident Report

As stated above, Dickinson said Reid was present at the November 1, 2020, meeting and prepared the offense report at that time and location. During his interview with ISP, Reid told the investigator "he was not aware of any meeting that took place prior to Dickinson filing the complaint." 16 Reid also stated he gave a copy of the report to Dickinson, but he did not give a copy to the media. During his interview with ISP, the investigator asked Dickinson if he provided a copy of the incident report to Joseph Hosey, the investigator stated, "Dickinson with some hesitation stated that he believed he did."17 On November 2, 2020, Hosey published an article, in his newspaper, The Herald-News, reporting that "City Councilman Don "Duck" Dickinson accused Mayor Bob O'Dekirk of 'intimidation' and somehow getting his hands on nude photographs of him, according to a Joliet police report obtained by The Herald-News." 18 In preparing his article, Hosey contacted Mayor O'Dekirk who "denied having any photographs of Dickinson other than one he says the councilman sent of himself from when he was in high school." 19 Mayor O'Dekirk also denied having any photographs of Dickinson during his ISP interview and also during his interview with the Joliet Inspector General. Mayor O'Dekirk's statements regarding this matter have been consistent throughout the ISP and OIG's investigations.

After a thorough investigation, ISP provided their results to the Special Prosecutor. Despite the abundance of evidence of crimes by Roechner and Reid, Donald Dickinson was the only one charged. Dickinson was initially charged with Attempt Obstruction of Justice and summoned to appear in count on April 11, 2022. This charge was amended to Attempt Disorderly Conduct. Dickinson's attorney filed a motion to dismiss; the motion was granted. Dickinson resigned from his position as a Councilman on November 23, 2020, just weeks after participating in the conspiracy to

¹⁶ See Exhibit F, April 15, 2021, ISP interview of Marc Reid.

¹⁷ See Exhibit E, ISP interview of Donald Dickinson.

¹⁸ Joseph Hosey, "Duck Dickinson accuses Joliet Mayor O'Dekirk of naked pic 'intimidation': Cops," *The Herald-News* (Joliet, Will County Illinois, November 2, 2020), https://www.shawlocal.com/2020/11/02/duck-dickinson-accuses-joliet-mayor-odekirk-of-naked-pic-intimidation-cops/as68wwn/ (accessed February 24, 2023).

¹⁹ Ibid.

damage Mayor O'Dekirk's reputation. Dickinson became one of only two City Councilmen to resign, the other being James McFarland.

It is unfortunate, that Dickinson was the only member of the cabal to be charged with a crime. ISP spent considerable time and resources conducting a thorough investigation. As a result, Roechner and Reid never had to answer for their crimes and misconduct. Reid remains in a position of public trust as he serves as a Sergeant with the Elwood Police Department.

As for the other members of the November 1, 2020, cabal, Councilman Mudron, during his ISP interview, told the investigator he "reassured Dickenson [sic] that if he tells the truth he has done nothing wrong." If this is true, Dickinson did not follow Mudron's advice. It is extremely concerning, that Councilman Mudron would participate in such a meeting and shows very poor judgment on his part. Councilmen and Councilwomen take an Oath of Office which concludes by stating, "I will faithfully discharge the duties of [their office] and serve the residents of Joliet to the best of my ability." The Citizens of Joliet would have been better served if Mudron stepped up, either during or after the November 1, 2020, meeting and put an end to what he knew or should have known was a complete fraud.

Councilman Mudron, and other members of the cabal, claimed the purpose of the November 1, 2020, meeting was to help Dickinson get ahead of the story about Mayor O'Dekirk allegedly intending to use photographs against Dickinson. These claims about the meeting's purpose are not believable, especially because the group was relying on details provided by McFarland, an individual Mudron claimed is not known for truthfulness.

As of November 1, 2020, there was no evidence photographs of Dickinson's genitals were in anyone's possession, let alone Mayor O'Dekirk's possession. The group knowingly and speciously used Dickinson's trust to destroy him. Dickinson is, by his own admission, not a sophisticated politician. He informed Martin Walsh he focused his political activities on providing City of Joliet services to his constituents. By several accounts, including his own, he was good at this style of retail politics. Dickinson strongly believes "higher powers" were at work against him in this matter. He was used and when Mudron, Roechner and Reid no longer needed him, he was cut loose to fend for himself, embarrassed and alone. Dickinson was one of the victims of this conspiracy, perhaps the biggest victim.

Regarding James McFarland, he lied about being told by that Mayor O'Dekirk had photos of Dickinson's genitals. The rest of the cabal used this lie as the basis for the phony incident report prepared by Reid.

Finally, Joseph Hosey's role in this cabal is also very concerning. He was the Managing Editor of The Herald-News, as a result he was ultimately responsible for every word in his November 2, 2020, Herald-News article. This article was a breach of

²⁰ See Exhibit C, ISP interview of Patrick Mudron.

accepted journalistic principles. The Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) adopted four principles of journalistic ethics. One such principle is "Seek Truth and Report It," and in adhering to this principle the SPJ states journalists should, "Recognize a special obligation to serve as watchdogs over public affairs and government. Seek to ensure that the public's business is conducted in the open, and that public records are open to all." As stated above, Martin Walsh called Hosey, but he would not confirm whether he was at the November 2, 2020, meeting or provide details about this meeting. It is not clear why Hosey will not talk about it; sharing his involvement does not seem to violate any of SPJ's principles. Rather, Hosey cooperating with this investigation would support the SPJ's fourth principle, "Be Accountable and Transparent" and adhering to this principle the SPJ states journalists should "Respond quickly to questions about accuracy, clarity and fairness" and that "[e]thical journalists should – for the most part – have nothing to hide about their stories. They should also be able to explain their actions and decisions."²²

In this matter, Hosey did not just report a story, he was a part of the story. His role was so important that Roechner rescheduled the meeting to November 1, 2020. because Hosey could not attend on an earlier date. His news articles, before and after November 2, 2020, show his dislike of Mayor O'Dekirk. If Reid's version of the story is correct, the offense report was prepared on November 2, 2020, which means Hosey knew the day before how this story was going to unfold. If Dickinson's version is correct. Reid prepared the incident report during the meeting Hosey attended, which means Hosey included information in his article he knew was false by claiming the report was filed on November 2, 2020, instead of November 1, 2020. Further, according to ISP reports, Hosey told Dickinson, and the other members of the meeting, it was common knowledge on the street that embarrassing, sexual in nature photographs were in the possession of others. Also suspicious is that Hosey would not confirm his presence at the November 1, 2020, meeting when asked by Mr. Walsh. Hosey has not been transparent, and his actions are not consistent with the principles established by the Society of Professional Journalists. Hosey may argue he does not accept SPJ's principles, the SPJ's principles of Seek Truth and Report It and Be Accountable and Transparent are good principles for journalists to follow.

- V. Findings. After carefully considering the evidence, this investigation finds the following:
- A. Donald Dickinson attended a November 1, 2020, meeting hosted by then Joliet Chief of Police Alan Roechner at Roechner's residence. The purpose of this meeting was to conspire to falsely allege Mayor O'Dekirk committed the crime of intimidation of Dickinson.

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²¹ Society of Professional Journalists, Code of Ethics, https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp, (accessed February 24, 2023)

²² Ibid.

- B. Donald Dickinson provided information he knew to be false to then Deputy Chief Reid. Reid used this false information to prepare an incident report alleging Joliet Mayor Robert O'Dekirk committed the crime of intimidation of Dickinson.
- C. Alan Roechner hosted a meeting at his residence on November 1, 2020. Present at this meeting was Marc Reid, Patrick Mudron, Donald Dickinson, James McFarland and Joseph Hosey. The purpose of this meeting was to conspire to falsely accuse Joliet Mayor Robert O'Dekirk of intimidation of Dickinson.
- D. Alan Roechner pressured Donald Dickinson into filing an incident report against Mayor O'Dekirk even though he knew or should have known the allegations were false.
- E. Alan Roechner violated the Local Records Act by knowingly and with the intent to defraud the Mayor of Joliet and other members of the Joliet government by concealing a public record, specifically, the incident report filed against Mayor O'Dekirk dated November 2, 2020.
- F. Alan Roechner committed official misconduct by participating in a conspiracy to charge Mayor O'Dekirk with intimidation against Donald Dickinson and by concealing the incident report, dated November 2, 2020, filed against Mayor O'Dekirk.
- G. Marc Reid attended the November 1, 2020, meeting at Alan Roechner's residence. The purpose of this meeting was to conspire to falsely accuse Joliet Mayor Robert O'Dekirk with intimidation of Donald Dickinson.
- H. Marc Reid prepared an incident report on November 1, 2020, containing allegations he knew or should have known, based on his position as Deputy Chief of Investigations and based on his then 23-years of police experience, did not support the felony offense of intimidation.
- I. Marc Reid tampered with evidence by not turning over Donald Dickinson's cell phone to the Illinois State Police.
- J. Marc Reid tampered with evidence by having one of his detectives extract the information on Dickinson's cell phone and place it onto a USB device.
- K. Marc Reid tampered with evidence by selecting certain information extracted from Dickinson's cell phone to be saved onto a USB device and then deleting the remaining information.
- L. Marc Reid interfered with the Illinois State Police's investigation into Dickinson's allegations of intimidation against Mayor O'Dekirk by only turning over a portion of the information extracted from Dickinson's cell phone.

- M. Marc Reid lied to Illinois State Police Investigators when he stated he was not aware of the November 1, 2020, meeting.
- N. Marc Reid violated the Local Records Act by knowingly and with the intent to defraud the Mayor of Joliet and other members of the Joliet government by concealing a public record, specifically, the incident report filed against Mayor O'Dekirk dated November 2, 2020.
- O. Marc Reid committed official misconduct by participating in a conspiracy to falsely charge Mayor O'Dekirk with intimidation of Donald Dickinson.
- P. Marc Reid committed official misconduct by tampering with evidence relating to the incident report, dated November 2, 2020, filed against Mayor O'Dekirk.
- Q. Marc Reid committed official misconduct by knowingly and with the intent to defraud the Mayor of Joliet and other members of the Joliet government by concealing a public record, specifically, the incident report filed against Mayor O'Dekirk dated November 2, 2020.
- R. Councilman Patrick Mudron attended the November 1, 2020, meeting at Alan Roechner's residence. The purpose of this meeting was to conspire to falsely accuse Joliet Mayor Robert O'Dekirk with intimidation of Donald Dickinson.
- S. Councilman Patrick Mudron failed to faithfully discharge the duties of his office and failed to serve the residents of Joliet to the best of his abilities by failing to stop and/or expose a conspiracy to accuse Mayor O'Dekirk with intimidation of Donald Dickinson.
- T. James McFarland attended the November 1, 2020, meeting at Alan Roechner's residence. The purpose of this meeting was to conspire to falsely accuse Joliet Mayor Robert O'Dekirk with intimidation of Donald Dickinson.
- U. James McFarland lied about attending a party at residence in October 2020.
- V. James McFarland lied about being told by that a female had sent a picture of Donald Dickinson's genital area to Joseph Clement who then sent the picture to Mayor O'Dekirk.
- W. Joseph Hosey attended the November 1, 2020, meeting at Alan Roechner's residence. The purpose of this meeting was to conspire to falsely accuse Joliet Mayor Robert O'Dekirk of intimidation against Donald Dickinson.
- X. Joseph Hosey published a news article on November 2, 2020, he knew or should have known contained false information.

- Y. Joseph Hosey failed to meet certain accepted journalistic principles as a result of his participation in the November 1, 2020, meeting; by publishing his November 2, 2020, news article; and, his failure to be transparent with this investigation. Not once in any of his articles, did Hosey reveal he participated in the November 1, 2020, meeting.
- VI. **Recommendations**. Given the above findings, this investigation recommends the following:
- A. That no further legal or disciplinary action be taken against Donald Dickinson. Dickinson is the only member of this cabal to be charge with a crime. Further, he resigned from his elected position as a Joliet Councilman and has been punished as a result of his poor decisions.
 - B. That Alan Roechner be charged with:
 - 1. Official misconduct.
 - 2. Violating the Local Records Act.
 - C. That Marc Reid be charged with:
 - 1. Official misconduct.
 - 2. Tampering with evidence.
 - 3. Filing a false police report.
 - 4. Interfering with a police investigation.
 - 5. Violating the Local Records Act.
- D. That Marc Reid be reported to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for investigation and possible revocation of Reid's police certification.
- E. That Councilman Patrick Mudron be reprimanded and censured by the Joliet City Council for his involvement in the November 1, 2020, meeting and for his failure to stop and expose false allegations against Mayor O'Dekirk.
- F. That the Joliet City Council publicly condemn James McFarland's role in this conspiracy.
- G. That Joseph Hosey follow the journalistic principles of seeking and reporting the truth, and transparency and accountability.

H. For the Illinois Attorney General to prosecute the above referenced criminal offenses as opposed to a special prosecutor.

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I, Detective German #234, was requested by Deputy Chief Reid on 11/02/2020 to conduct a forensic extraction of an Apple iPhone 11 belong to Donald Dickinson (related report #20 0014634). I was advised by Deputy Chief Reid that Donald Dickinson gave permission for the forensic extraction and that the passcode was

the device. Also extracted was the Keychain, Password List, and the Passcode History file. These extracted files along with the Graykey Progress Report were saved onto a USB device. The Graykey Progress Report listed the following.

Using Graykey OS Version 1.6.7.12 and App Bundle 1.15.4b0, I performed a Full File System extraction of Device Name Don's iPhone Software Version 14.1 [18A8395] Model iPhone 11 [iPhone12,1 N104AP] Unique Device ID (UDID) Serial Number Unique Chip ID (ECID) WiFi MAC Address **Bluetooth MAC Address** Phone Number IMEI Data Partition Size 44.42GB (47698030592 bytes) Lock State Unlocked Agent Version 1.15.4b0 Backup State iCloud Backup, Last Backup Date: 2020-11-01 16:20:21 UTC Owner Name Donald Dickinson Accounts Full Filesystem size 53.50GB (57444969523 bytes) Full Filesystem Hash Keychain Summary 145 Keys, 21 Certificates, 222 Internet passwords, 1139 General passwords Keychain Hash

The Full File System file and the Keychain file were decoded in Magnet Axiom Process/Examine v4.6.0.21968. The Axiom case files were saved to a second USB device. The two USB drives containing the Graykey files and the Axiom files were turned over to Deputy Chief Reid on 11/04/2020.

Starting on 11/04/2020, Deputy Chief Reid reviewed the phone data in Magnet Axiom Examine on Cellebrite computer #01. A PDF portable report of only the data selected by Deputy Chief Reid from the device was created by Axiom on 11/10/2020. The Axiom PDF report was saved onto the second USB device that contained the Axiom case files. No files were saved to the Cellebrite server (V drive). The Graykey files saved to the Graykey unit hard drive was deleted from the unit after being saved to the USB device.

On 11/10/2020, two additional USB drives were created of the original Graykey and Axiom files and PDF report. These two USB drives were turned over to Deputy Chief Reld on 11/10/2020.

I was advised by Deputy Chief Reid that this case and the records will be turned over to the Illinois State Police Special Agents for further investigation.

See their report for further detail....END OF REPORT

Detective Jeffrey German #234

11/13/2020

J1 - JOLIET POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE REPORT

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150 W Washington St Joliet, IL 60432 (815) 724-3100 Approved By:
Approved On:

INCIDENT SUMMARY

Subject: Assist Other Agency

Occurred On: Thursday 11/5/2020 3:24:49 PM

Occurred Address: 150 W Washington St , JOLIET, IL 60432

Report Type: Criminal Report (No Arrest)
Disposition: REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY
Reporting Officer: GERMAN, JEFFREY 234

Assisted By:

Reported On: 11/5/2020 3:05:05 PM

Or Between:

Location Name: JOLIET PD

Beat: J114

Juvenile Report: N - No

OFFENSE

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COMPLETED

9004 - ASSIST: OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT

No

NARRATIVE

Original typed report turned over to Deputy Chief Reid on 11/10/2020.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)	
COUNTY OF WILL) SS.	
	OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS)
VS.) Case No. 2022 CM 240
DONALD W. DICKINSON	

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

CHARGE

On this 9 day of March, 2022, complainant S/A NATHAN SCHOLANZ SG91 charges the commission of an offense as follows:

on or about November 2, 2020, at and within Will County, Illinois, DONALD W.

DICKINSON, a male person, committed the offense of:

ATTEMPT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Class A Misdemeanor - Category B)

in that said defendant, in violation of Section 8-4(A) of Act 5 of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, with the intent to commit the offense of Obstruction of Justice, performed an act which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of that act knowingly furnished false information to Deputy Chief Mark Reid, a police officer, as to the conduct of Robert O'Dekirk, in that he related to that officer that Robert O'Dekirk had threatened defendant, in violation of Section 31-4(a) Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2020, contrary to the Statute, and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois, AOIC 0016892.

The undersigned being duly sworn on oath says that the foregoing charge is true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 9 day of March, 2022.

Judge or Notary Public

Signed:

William X. Elward Special Prosecutor Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office 725 South Second Street Springfield, 1L 62704 (312) 719-5489

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS)		
vs.)	NO.	2022 CM 240
DONALD W. DICKENSON)		

SUMMONS

To: DONALD W DICKENSON

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois, Juliet, Illinois, in the courtroom usually occupied by the <u>Criminal Division of said Court at 9:00 a.m.</u>, Courtroom 303, on <u>MONDAY</u>, the <u>11TH</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 2022, to answer a charge made against you for the offense of <u>ATTEMPT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</u>. If you fail to appear, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

TO THE OFFICER:

This summons must be returned by the officer to whom it was given for service, with endorsement of service and fees, if any, immediately after service and not less than three days before the day of appearance. If service cannot be made, this summons shall be returned so endorsed.

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This summons may not be served later than three days before appearance.

ISSUED AT WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, this Hange 177 and

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Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office

725 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62704 (312) 719-5489

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Title:		Case Agent: ID#	Office:	Typed by:	Date:
Robert O'Dekirk		N. Schramka #5991	DCI/SIU	NS	12/17/2020
Purpose:					
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report) was there. The meeting was in reference to a compromising photo of Dickenson that the Mayor was apparently in possession of. Mudron believed that Dickinson wanted to get out in front of the issue before the public was made aware of. Mudron stated O'Dekirk's name was not mentioned during this meeting. Mudron advised that Dickinson decided that he was going to make a statement at the next council meeting about the photos and Roechener told Dickinson that he needed to file a police report about these pictures. Mudron explained that Dickinson seemed confidant to file the police report and did so the next day. Mudron did not know who arranged the meeting nor did he knew who invited Hosey.

Mudron explained that Dickinson had dated this woman a few years prior to him being elected to the City of Joliet Park Board and the affair with her was before she was elected to the Park Board. Mudron indicated that he believed this entire matter is causing problems with Dickenson and his current girlfriend.

Mudron explained that he was told by Dickinson that he had gotten a phone call from James McFarland (median) (referred to as McFarland for the remainder of this report) who told him about a party at McFarland indicated that people were talking about these pictures O'Dekirk has of Dickinson. Mudron explained that he believed the party was the last week of October and that he does not know who attended the party.

Mudron described Dickinson as a good person who doesn't think good on his feet and this is the reason, he gets attacked a lot in the council meetings. Dickinson did tell Mudron that he is not friends with McFarland. Mudron explained that McFarland and O'Dekirk do not get along and you cannot go to court on McFarland's word as he chuckled. Mudron explained that McFarland and O'Dekirk had a falling out about four years ago.

Mudron indicated that in the meeting, Hosey advised everyone that the pictures of Dickinson is common knowledge on the street.

Mudron explained that Dickinson told everyone he was not running for reelection because he thought everyone would lay off of him, which only worked for a day. Mudron indicated that Dickinson believed he was being blackmailed and that was the reason why he would not run for reelection.

Mudron stated Dickinson received a phone call from Erin Gallagher after a council meeting. During this phone call, Gallagher told Dickinson that ODekirk was trying to blackmail him and that he needed to stand up for himself.

Mudron explained that O'Dekirk wants to replace Roechner as Chief of Police with a person of his choosing. Mudron continued to explain O'Dekirk does not like Dickinson because of the way he voted at a Council Meeting in reference to the City Manager, Marty Shannan.

Mudron explained that Dickinson was worried about getting in trouble for filing the police report. Mudron continued to explain that Dickenson continued to make a comment that he was not going to go to jail for this. Mudron reassured Dickenson that if he tells the truth he has done nothing wrong.

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The interview was concluded at 12:17 P.M.

The CD with the audio recording was placed into a 1-A Exhibit Envelope and attached it to the case file.

Attachments:

1. A CD containing the audio recording of interview.

Physical Descriptors: Name: Robert O'Dekirk
Name. Robert O Dekirk
Work Address: 150 W. Jefferson Street, Illinois 60435
Name: Donald Dickinson
Work Address: 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet 60435
Name: James McFarland
Name: Patrick F. Mudron
Work Address: 113 Republic Ave., Joliet, Illinois 60435
Name: Work Address:
Name: Alan Roechner Work Address: 150 W. Washington Street, Joliet, Illinois 60435

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20-1009-CH-SIU	04/15/2021	S/A Merritt S/A N. Schramka	6289 5991	TN: 17
Title:		ase Agent: ID#	Office:	Typed by: Date:
Robert O'Dekirk		N. Schramka #5991	DCI/SIU	NS 04/20/2021
Purpose:				
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phone every time a new phone comes out. Roechner advised he did not ask any questions about the case once Reid took the complaint. Roechner does not know Dickinson to be untruthful to him and has never known Dickinson to lie. Roechner does not know of any
after Dickinson filed the complaint with JPD. Roechner advised he was informed by Dickinson that he was going to be contacted by McFarland. Roechner explained he knows JPD had completed a download of Dickinson's phone and Dickinson gets a new
Roechner advised Dickinson had been told by James "Jim" McFarland (McFarland McFarland is a former City of Joliet Council Member. Roechner advised McFarland had called him and told him about an event he was at with McFarland indicated that he and McFarland that in the event the pictures O'Dekirk had of Dickinson. Roechner explained that he told McFarland that in the event the police come talk to you about this, you must tell them everything you told me. Roechner advised he does not talk to McFarland and this phone call was the only call between them. Roechner explained his conversation with McFarland was
I asked Roechner if Dickinson had told him how he, Dickinson, had learned of the pictures. Roechner explained that Dickenson told him of an incident during a closed executive session council meeting that O'Dekirk stated to Dickenson: "the truth is going to come out about you Dickinson". Roechner explained about how Jerry Hervey (preferred to as Hervey for the remainder of this report) came to a council meeting in October 2020 and made accusations against Dickinson in reference to sending inappropriate messages to females in the community. Roechner advised Hervey was in and out of the Mayor's office before every board meeting. Roechner explained that he told JPD Deputy Chief Marc Reid they would take a complaint but would not put the complaint in the computer system. This decision was due to the case being turned over to the Illinois State Police. Roechner advised that it was a good thing JPD did not keep any of the paperwork completed by Reid because O'Dekirk and the city manager were pressuring him to turn over copies of the complaints to them.
Roechner advised when he talked to Dickinson on that Friday (October 30, 2020) night, Dickinson was confident to file the complaint, but explained that Dickinson is easily bullied or pressured. Roechner advised Dickinson that he needed to get the truth out there and that it is the only way you are going to stop this from happing.
News newspaper reporter Joseph Hosey (referred to as Hosey for the remainder of this report) and allowed Dickinson to meet with him at his residence. Roechner indicated that he told Dickinson to tell the truth when he talked to Hosey. Roechner advised he talked to Hosey the day before Halloween and Hosey would not be able to meet with Dickinson until Sunday (November 1, 2020). Roechner advised he allowed Dickinson, Hosey, and City of Joliet Council Member Patrick Mudron (referred to as Mudron for the remainder of this report) to meet at his residence on Sunday, November 1, 2021 and talk about getting ahead of O'Dekirk putting pictures of Dickinson's genital area out to the public. Roechner advised that he was at his house when this meeting took place, but he was not paying attention to what they were saying due to watching the Bears game.

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reason Dickinson would be untruthful to us. Roechner advised he told Dickinson to tell the truth throughout this whole thing.

Roechner explained the pictures in questions were sent three years ago. Roechner advised he does not know Gavin.

Roechner advised that the FBI had talked to Dickinson about this incident before we had talked to him. Roechner explained he put Dickinson in contact with the FBI.

Roechner advised he has not talked to Dickinson recently or since he resigned from the Council Board.

I asked Roechner if he knew of any reason Dickinson would say he felt being pressured by him, Roechner to file the police report. Roechner advised no. Roechner said he advised Dickinson to get out in front of it and to tell the truth.

Special Agent Merritt advised Roechner that Dickenson was not the only person who indicated that he was pressured into filing the police report to discredit the Mayor. Special Agent Merritt asked if this was done in hopes the Mayor would resign or quit and then you, Roechner as well as the Deputy Chiefs would not lose their jobs. Roechner advised the Mayor's intent was there from day one and had nothing to do with anything. Roechner advised the pictures had nothing to do with him or anyone else. Roechner did not answer the question. Special Agent Merritt asked why Dickinson would go to the FBI before coming to us. Roechner explained that the Illinois State Police does not know what has been going on for the past two years. Roechner advised once the FBI knew about Dickinson's situation, he believed the FBI would want to get dirty calls between Dickinson and O'Dekirk in reference to the allegation brought by Dickenson. Roechner explained that he had nothing to do with what we were implying or suggesting for shopping for Police Departments that would take the complaint.

Roechner was not sure if his wife had ever attempted to contact Dickinson via text or Facebook.

The interview was concluded at 2:14 P.M.

The audio recording of the interview was placed onto a CD and the CD was placed into a 1-A Exhibit Envelope.

Attachment:

1. Audio recorded interview received on April 15, 2021.

Physical Descriptors:
Name: Robert O'Dekirk
DOB:
Home
Work Address: 150 W. Jefferson Street, Illinois 60435
Driver's License:

Dissemination:

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Name: Donald Dickinson DOB: Home Address: Work Address: 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet 60435 Driver's License: Telephone Number:	
Name: Alan Roechner DOB: Home Address: Driver's License: Telephone Number: (
Name: Marc Reid DOB: Home Address: Driver's License: Telephone Number:	
Name: Jerry D. Hervey DOB: Home Address: Driver's License: Telephone Number:	
Name: Patrick F. Mudron DOB: Home Address: Work Address: 113 Republic Ave., Joliet, Illinois 60435 Driver's License: Telephone Number:	
Name: Joseph Hosey DOB: Home Address: Work Address: 7717 South Route 31, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014 Driver's License: Telephone Number:	
Name: Jennifer Gavin DOB: Dissemination:	

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Purpose:	-			
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that hosted in his house on October 30, 2020. Dickinson stated the reason he filed the police report was to find out if the picture was in fact disseminated.
I showed Dickinson a copy of the police report (see TN 1 attachment) he filed with JPD. I asked Dickinson if this was the police report he had filed, and he stated yes. I read Dickinson a portion of the police report which stated, "During executive session of a City of Joliet Council Meeting, Robert O'Dekirk, (Mayor), turned and look at Dickinson and stated, "and you Dickinson, the truth is going to come out about you." Dickinson stated O'Dekirk made this comment in the executive conference room before March 15, 2020. Dickinson stated councilwoman Sherri Reardon and clerk Christa Desiderio were present when O'Dekirk made this comment. Dickinson was not sure if this executive session was audio recorded or not. I asked Dickinson if he knew what O'Dekirk was referring to when he made this comment and Dickinson stated he had no idea what this was about, and he did not respond to O'Dekirk. Dickinson described O'Dekirk as an intimidating person.
I read a portion of the police report to Dickinson which stated, "On 11/3/2020, I spoke to Dickinson regarding the incident. Dickinson advised that a person named Jim McFarland was the person who told Dickinson that O'Dekirk was telling a person that O'Dekirk had the alleged photo of Dickinson." I asked Dickinson to explain who McFarland was and to further explain his statement. Dickinson stated McFarland was a former councilman and Dickinson along with McFarland have had run ins with O'Dekirk. Dickinson stated he was contacted by McFarland who told him that he heard from of Dickinson wanting to resign. McFarland was trying to convince Dickinson not to resign from his position and not to be intimidated by the fact that O'Dekirk had Dickinson's pic. Dickinson explained to McFarland this situation was hard on the family but ultimately, he was not going to resign. I asked Dickinson when this conversation occurred and he stated it was on Saturday, October 31, 2020. I asked Dickinson whether McFarland would be willing to talk to us (Illinois State Police) and Dickinson stated yes.
The police report stated Dickinson gave consent to have his cell phone forensically searched for any text messages, photos, or any other evidence specifically related to this case. I asked Dickinson if he gave consent to have his phone searched. Dickinson stated he gave verbal consent to have his phone searched to Deputy Chief Marc Reid and Deputy Chief Darrel Gavin. I asked Dickinson if the phone that had been searched was the same phone, he had used to send these sexual pictures to and Dickinson stated it was not the same phone.
I read Dickinson another portion of the police report from page 3 which state, "During a separate phone conversation with O'Dekirk with in the last two to three months, Dickinson advised O'Dekirk that Dickinson was not running for re-election. O'Dekirk stated, "Oh, ok I'll back off you then." I asked Dickinson to explain his statement. Dickinson stated this conversation took place right before petitions came out but was not sure of the exact date. Dickinson's intention was to tell O'Dekirk directly he was not running for the re-election before he would read about it on Facebook. Dickinson stated the only thing O'Dekirk said during that time was, "Oh ok I will back off you then."
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I asked Dickinson to explain how O'Dekirk was intimidating him. Dickinson related O'Dekirk told him all the time he, Dickinson can go cry with the cops at the dock, a restaurant in town, and O'Dekirk was always on Dickinson during the meetings.

I asked Dickinson when was the first time he learned O'Dekirk might have had a picture of him. Dickinson stated it was on October 31st when McFarlnd called him. I asked Dickinson to clarify that before March 2020 during the executive session incident when Dickinson announced his decision of not running for re-election, he had no knowledge of O'Dekirk being in possession of Dickinson's picture. Dickinson confirmed and stated at that time he knew nothing of O'Dekirk having a picture of him.

I read Dickinson another portion of the police report which stated, "Dickinson was advised by an individual who informed Dickinson that O'Dekirk told the individual that O'Dekirk would use the photos against Dickinson if Dickinson ran for re-election." I asked Dickinson who was this individual he had in mind and Dickinson stated it was McFarland.

I read Dickinson the last portion of the police report which sated, "Dickinson feels intimidated by O'Dekirk actions and feels pressured to vote according how O'Dekirk wants." Dickinson stated yeah that is true.

I asked Dickinson what the deciding factors were for not running for re-election. Dickinson stated his girlfriend hates politics, he didn't want to put up with the shit he was catching from O'Dekirk, and O'Dekirk scared the hell out of both. Dickinson said ever since he was a councilman O'Dekirk has treated him like crap. Dickinson assured again the photo had nothing to do with his decision not to run for re-election.

I asked Dickinson after he had filed the police report whether he received a copy of the complaint. Dickinson advised he was given a copy of the first page of the police report.

I asked Dickinson to explain his relationship with Gavin. Dickinson explained he and Gavin were politically active people and he was on the high school board when Gavin was on the park district board. Dickinson stated he and Gavin supported the same political people when they became friends. Dickinson explained

	Dickinson corrected me and
	ckinson advised this started before Gavin
was elected to the Park District Board in 2019. Dickinson explained	
but not sure when it started. Dickinson stated they were friends during	
she needed it or when she lost her house he would call and check in o	on her. I asked Dickinson if this
and he stated yes. I asked Dickinson	. Dickinson
	decided to send photos of his genital area
to Gavin. Dickinson stated	. Dickinson woke up
one morning	. Dickinson stated Gavin
sent two	Dickinson stated Gavin had never
mentioned she was offended by the pictures sent to her by Dickinson	. Dickinson stated at some point he started
seeing someone else and they	er it ended, they did not talk very often.
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When I had set up the meeting with Dickinson two days prior, I asked Dickinson if he knew Gavin's phone number and he stated he had deleted everything, including text messages, and photos sent between them after they stopped talking. I asked Dickinson again if he had Gavin's phone number and he stated no. Dickinson was not sure if Gavin sent the picture to anyone else. Dickinson explained this was a reason he had filed police report to find out if anyone else had them. While we were talking Dickinson remembered Gavin contacted him a day after a newspaper article came out about the police report. Dickinson stated Gavin texted him on November 3 rd and stated, I am going to need for you to give me a call. Dickinson provided me with Gavin's phone number.
I started to recap the timeline of events. I asked Dickinson when he decided to file a police report. Dickinson stated after he talked to JPD Chief Alan Roechner (referred to as Roechner for the remainder of this report) on Sunday, November 1 st , 2020. Dickinson stated they convinced him to file a police report because everyone knew there was a picture of Dickinson out there. I asked Dickinson whether he contacted the newspaper and he stated no. The newspaper reporter was there when they met on Sunday night. Dickinson explained himself, Roechner, Councilman Patrick Mudron , and newspaper reporter Joe Hosey (the Hearld News) (referred to as Hosey for the remainder of this report), had a meeting at Roechner's residence on Sunday November 1 st to talk about what to do about this picture which O'Dekirk supposedly had. Dickinson stated he did not want to file the police report because he was scared to death of O'Dekirk. Dickinson believed Roechner was the one who contacted everyone and invited them to his house. Dickinson stated he wanted Mudron during the meeting. Dickinson stated he did an interview with Hosey on Sunday night at this meeting.
Dickinson stated he filed the police report on November 2 nd . I asked Dickinson if he gave a copy of the police report he filed to Hosey. Dickinson with some hesitation stated that he believed he did. I told Dickinson in Hosey's news article about Dickinson, Hosey, stated that Dickinson gave him a copy of the police report. Dickinson reiterated he believed he gave Hosey a copy of the police report.
I read Dickinson a portion of the newspaper article (see attachment #2) written by Hosey on November 2 nd , 2020 which read, "I feel like I'm being hunted, harassed, intimidated, blackmailed," I asked Dickinson how he felt he was being hunted, harassed, intimidated, blackmailed, if he actually made the decision not to run for reelection before he found out about the picture. Dickinson stated O'Dekirk was harassing him. However, the only example Dickinson could provide was the one from before March 2020 when O'Dekirk put his finger in Dickinson's face. Dickinson also felt when O'Dekirk had made comments during the council session about Dickinson sleeping that it was a harassment or when O'Dekirk told Dickinson he could go cry with the cops at the dock that it was also a harassment.
I asked Dickinson if he spoke at the Council Meeting on November 2 nd . Dickinson acknowledged he made a statement. Dickinson could not remember what he had said, and I played the video of him talking at the meeting (see attachment #4).
I asked Dickinson about the council meeting from October 6, 2020, where Jerry Hervey () made allegations about him, Dickinson. Dickinson stated he remembered Hervey speaking but did not know anything about the allegations he was making. Dickinson stated he dated a black woman. Dickinson

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stated he has never sent racial insensitive or sexually insensitive texts or messages to anybody.

Dickinson stated on October 30, 2020, had a party at his house which McFarland attended. Dickinson explained McFarland talked to at the party and told McFarland o'Dekirk had a form of Dickinson. McFarland called Dickinson on October 31, 2020 and told Dickinson about this party at house and what was saying. Dickinson stated he would have never filed a police report had he not heard this information from McFarland because he,
Dickinson, had no idea what was out there. McFarland did not advise who else was at this party.
S/A Merritt asked Dickinson why would O'Dekirk told Dickinson, to go cry with the cops at the dock. Dickinson stated he is friends with a lot of police officers. Dickinson also added that he was sure even Illinois State Police, was made aware of the feud between O'Dekirk and Roechner. S/A Merritt asked Dickinson whether he talked to anyone else who would talk to Gavin since all this has come out. Dickinson stated he talked to Joliet Park District President Sue Gulas and Gulas asked if these pictures were sent before or after Gavin was elected, and Dickinson advised before.
S/A Merritt asked who set up the meeting at Roechner house and who invited the media. Dickinson stated he did not know why the media was there and believed Roechner called the media to be at the meeting. Dickinson could not answer why the media was there and knew the media was going to be there before the meeting. Dickinson advised he trusted Roechner to have the media at this meeting. Dickinson stated they (himself, Roechner, and Mudron) all talked about wanting to get ahead of this issue before any other media outlets found out. Dickinson stated he was told by Roechner the media was going to be at this meeting. Dickinson stated he did not know O'Dekirk had a picture of him until McFarland called him.
S/A Merritt asked Dickinson if there was anybody else, he would have sent that picture to. Dickinson stated not that he can think of.
The interview was concluded at 10:52 A.M.
I called Dickinson back at 2:38 P.M. and learned he had canceled his telephone number contacted Reid and asked if he had a new telephone number for Dickinson and he advised Dickinson had changed his telephone number after we talked to him. Reid provided me with Dickinson's new telephone number number and asked about the which was located on his telephone from August 15, 2020 and whether he sent that out to anyone. Dickinson advised he had not sent that out to anyone and that was for him only. Dickinson stated he did not send it to Gavin and does not think he sent it to anyone else. There was a long pause before Dickinson advised he does not think he sent the to anyone.
On the morning of November 14, 2020, at 7:08 A.M. Dickinson sent me an I-message, "Was laying in bed this morning thinking about the picture taken in August. I remembered it was sent to my gf at Who I have been in a relationship with the last 14 months. Thank You" (see attachment #5).
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I placed the audio recording of the interview onto a CD and then subsequently placed into a 1-A Exhibit Envelope and attached it to the case file (see attachment #3).

Attachments:

- 1. Statement of Miranda Rights (1 page)
- 2. News article by Joseph Hosey (2 pages)
- 3. Audio recording of interview.
- 4. DVD with November 2, 2020 Council Meeting.
- 5. Text message from Dickinson.

Physical Descriptors: Name: Robert O'Dekirk
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Name: Jennifer Gavin
Name: James McFarland
Name: Jerry D. Hervey

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Name: Patrick F. Mudron
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Name: Joseph Hosey
Work Address: 7717 South Route 31, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014
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Work Address: 150 W. Washington Street, Joliet, Illinois 60435
Name: Alan Roechner
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File #:	Reporting /Incident Date(s	s): Reporting Agent(s):	ID #:	Dictated/Lead #:
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Robert O'Dekirk		N. Schramka #5991	DCI/SIU	NS 04/16/2021
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	er City of Joliet Police	Department Deputy Chief N	/arc Reid.	
Reid. On Monday, Nover	nber 9, 2020, the Illinoi	to document the interview of state Police, Division of allegation of Intimidation by	Criminal Inves	tigation, Special
O'Dekirk ((referr	ed to as O'Dekirk for the re g for City of Joliet Council	mainder of thi	s report) is alleged to have
interviewed former (referred to as Reid in his garage. Prior	City of Joliet Police De for the remainder of th to the interview startin	nt M. Merritt #6289 and I, Separtment (JPD) Deputy Chis report) at his residence log Reid agreed for the interv The following is a summary	ief Marc Reid cated at view to be audi	o recorded (see attachment
of this report) reach the remainder of thi him by O'Dekirk. I report. Reid explain advised Dickinson	Reid advised Roechner ned that he took Dickin was confident about fili		ference to what ing to come int d, completed a dvised after he	to JPD and file a police police report. Reid
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Reid was not sure if Dickinson had gone to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) prior to filing the complaint with JPD.

Reid advised he took the complaint from Dickinson and completed the forensic extraction of Dickinson's phone and while he was doing all this, Roechner had nothing to do with the investigation.

Reid was not aware of any meeting that took place prior to Dickinson filing the complaint. Reid advised he did not give the complaint to the media. Reid explained Dickinson was given a copy of the complaint. Reid advised when Dickinson filed the complaint, he was upset and believed O'Dekirk was trying to destroy his life.

The interview was concluded at 11:35 A.M.

The audio recording of the interview was placed onto a CD and the CD was placed into a 1-A Exhibit Envelope.

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